

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested in view of the amendments to the drawings set forth in the replacement sheets.

Figure 1 has been denominated as prior art, and reference numerals 9 and 11 have been added to figure 6.

With regard to the objection to the drawings based on a failure to illustrate a corrugated reinforcing element, it is submitted that the drawings show accurate cross sections of either a plane or corrugated reinforcing element. That is, the cross section of a corrugated reinforcing element is not necessarily different from that of a plane reinforcing element if the cross section is taken transverse to the direction of the corrugations. Applicant will certainly cooperate with the examiner in developing a new or amended figure if one can be developed without illustrating new matter because the disclosure and claims are not limited to reinforcing elements having corrugations in any particular direction.

With regard to the objection to the drawings based on a single-flange type of slideway, it is respectfully noted that the specification at page 4 describes the slideway in figure 4 as a “hidden-frame” type and at page 6 describes the slideway in figure 6 as a “single-flange” type.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §112, second paragraph is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments wherein the points raised by the examiner have been addressed.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC §102 as unpatentable over Morita is respectfully requested.

Morita does not disclose a slideway having a reinforced clip as defined in the instant claims wherein the clip is made of rigid thermoplastic material and the reinforcing elements are only in one or both of the jaws, or only in the web, or only in one of the jaws and also in the web.

In contrast Morita discloses a door flange clamping portion 11 and a glass seal portion 12 wherein a support strip 2 is integrally buried in the door flange clamping portion 11. The support strip is made of a U-shaped clamping portion 21 of the support strip 2 and of a back surface supporting portion 22 for supporting the back surface of the glass seal portion 12. The door flange clamping portion 11 and the glass seal portion 12 are formed on an elastic material such as rubber and a plastic material by integral extrusion. Because Morita has no suggestion whatsoever of the noted features of the claimed invention, and instead teaches away from such structure, it is submitted that Morita does not anticipate the invention and would not have led one of ordinary skill in the art to the invention.

Accordingly, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication thereof is respectfully solicited. A two-month extension of time and any necessary additional extensions of time are requested. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$450. Please charge any deficiency and credit any excess to deposit account 50-1088.

Respectfully submitted,
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